

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 359

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate John Mitchell and Coy Grantham Mitchell on the celebration of their seventieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 1951, John Mitchell and Coy Grantham Mitchell were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, this devoted couple met at a young age, having first encountered each other on the school bus during their time in elementary school; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are highly respected citizens of their community; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, John Mitchell served as an employee of Pickwick Electric Cooperative for forty-seven years, starting at the age of nineteen as a right-of-way laborer and rising in rank to become operations superintendent; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Masonic Lodge, Mr. Mitchell also served in the National Guard for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, Coy Grantham Mitchell worked at the Brown Shoe Factory until the couple decided to start a family; in 1970, she became a stay-at-home mom and opened a beauty shop called Coy's Beauty Barn, where she served her loyal customers for twenty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell retired from their respective careers on the same day in 1997; they continue to enjoy working in their garden and spending time with their family; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced four children, three of whom survive; the Mitchells' children are Johnny Mitchell, Stanley Mitchell, and Mary Jane Mitchell Mills; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are also the proud grandparents and great-grandparents of seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for seventy years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Mitchells' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate John Mitchell and Coy Grantham Mitchell on the celebration of their seventieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.